

OSS Work Group – Potential Meeting Topics:

March 22:

- ▷ What are the legal requirements to address and regulate OSS?
- ▷ What are the basics of OSS; how do they work; what is proper O&M; what pollution comes from improperly operated and maintained, and failed, OSS?
- ▷ What is the status of King County's current OSS Program and what are its challenges?
- ▷ Program financing update.

April 26 & May 17:

- ▷ What are the priority areas susceptible to OSS pollution (and what water quality testing is needed to detect pollution there):
 - ✧ Shellfish growing areas
 - ✧ Critical recharge areas/potable water aquifers
 - ✧ Up-gradient areas from water recreation and swimming facilities
 - ✧ Wetland areas growing human food crops
 - ✧ Areas with nitrogen contamination - eutrophication problems
 - ✧ Sole source aquifers
 - ✧ Group A wellhead protection areas
 - ✧ Ecology designated ground waters needing special protection
 - ✧ Frequently flooded areas
 - ✧ Other areas designated by Public Health

June 28:

- ▷ What education and outreach methods should be used to achieve proper OSS O&M; how could owners be reminded and encouraged to get their OSS checked as required? What should the requirements be for high-risk areas?
- ▷ How much effort should be spent on quality control of the OSS industry?

July 26:

- ▷ Finding the unknown OSS in King County - update; how can all required records and records of O&M inspections be obtained?
- ▷ How can compliance with OSS permit application, operation and maintenance, monitoring, and failure repair requirements be achieved; what enforcement methods should be used?

August 23:

- ▷ Compliance/enforcement discussion continued.
- ▷ Resource prioritization exercise.